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EMERGENCY FIELD DAY CONTEST REGULATIONS

(originated by W9TLQ)

The purpose of this field day is to simulate more closely actual emergency conditions rather than to follow along lines of field day contests held heretofore.

The effective hours of the contest shall be from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. on an undisclosed date to be later specified. All clubs or participating groups who shall desire to enter into this contest are to notify the chairman of the Interclub Activities Committee, whose name and address appears at the bottom of this notice, as to their willingness to cooperate and their desire to enter into this contest. They shall state the proposed frequency which their first transmission will be on, what call letters the station will be operated under, also whether the first transmissions will be on phone or C.W, also name, address, and telephone number of at least two members of the team which will be operating the emergency station.

Not less than 12 hours or more than 24 hours prior to the time a simulated state of emergency is declared to exist, either one or both of these operators will be notified that at 9 A.M. on the following day emergency conditions will become effective. Clubs or participants shall be on their honor not to leave their homes prior to 8 o'clock, or one hour previous to the time stated as the starting time of the emergency. No prior arrangements such as erecting antennas or making power supplies or equipment waiting and available at the point of operation previous to 8 A.M. of the morning referred to will be allowed. Locations for operating however, may be determined on prior to the emergency date. TRANSMITTERS OR RECEIVERS SHALL NOT BE OPERATED DIRECT FROM A.C. LINES. ANY OTHER FORM OF OBTAINING POWER IS PERMISSABLE.

The main or key station, operating on phone under the call letters of W9TLQ on 1887 Kc. will be ready at 9 A.M. to check in stations participating as being available for emergency operation. Promptness in reporting to the key station as being ready to carry on by 9 A.M. sharp will constitute 10 credits for each station so reporting.

Each club may operate not to exceed 3 transmitters. When operating more than one transmitter, a club's score shall be determined by totaling all their scores and dividing it by the number of transmitters they are operating. Transmitters may have RF sections on different bands and frequency may be changed to other frequencies on the same band or to other bands upon notifying the key station at the time of the hourly report and receiving an acknowledgment from the key station of such change. Each transmitter shall report on the even hour to the key station. Promptness of such reports shall constitute 5 credits for each station so reporting.

A receiver will be tuned to and constantly monitoring each groups frequency throughout the contest. Up to 25 credits will be allowed each transmitting group for correct operating procedure -- business-like operation--and efficiency of equipment.

It is advisable that emergency groups each have a spare receiver which shall remain tuned at all times to the key stations frequency.

Fifty watts input to the final amplifier shall be the maximum power allowed.

Contacts may be made with any other amateur station EXCEPT stations participating in the contest, and each such contact shall count 5 points regardless of distance. Under no circumstances shall participating stations contact each other except on instructions from the key station. From time to time during the contest, messages will be originated by the key station and turned over to one of the contesting stations to be

passed on to another contesting station as designated. The station at the receiving point will be notified that a message is awaiting them on such and such a frequency and for them to relay this message to another designated station. This will continue until the message returns to the key station. Verbatum copying of, and re-transmitting these messages shall constitute 10 credits for each station for each message, subject to deductions for errors or omissions.

C. W. speed shall be limited to 25 w. p. m.

10 additional credits shall be allowed each group operating on both CW and phone.

At some time during the contest each station will be instructed to move their station to a point not less than a mile from their present location and resume operation there. Twenty five credits will be allowed for so doing with one credit deducted for each minute over twenty minutes required to contact the key station from the new location.

Any deliberate attempt at evading or disregarding the rules of the contest will subject the offender to a penalty of 50 points and a warning that if persisted in, will disqualify the offender.

Respectively submitted

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